

House Resolution No. 117

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Cleta Ferguson, a treasured resident of Maryville, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on November 29, 2003, with a festive celebration held at the home of her daughter; and

Whereas, Cleta Ferguson came into this world in Allendale on November 29, 1913, since which time she has witnessed with pleasure such monumental events as man's walking on the moon, the dawn of modern medical science, world computerization, and the advent of the Internet; and

Whereas, Cleta embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life in Albany on December 23, 1931, when she married her beloved Forrest Ferguson, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared sixty-sIX years of wedded success and happiness until his passing from this world in 1998; and

Whereas, the proud parents of three fine children, Cleta and Forrest Ferguson made their home in the Missouri towns of Worth and St. Joseph before moving to Maryville in 1981; and

Whereas, a stellar employee of the St. Joseph School District until her retirement in 1974, Cleta Ferguson derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from spending time with her wonderful family which includes her three children, Ed Ferguson of Englewood, Florida, Elaine Nichols of Maryville, and Sherry Cady of Kansas City; and her seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Cleta Ferguson considers herself fortunate for the numerous blessings in her life and takes comfort in her memories of friends and loved ones that continue to hold a special place in her heart:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Cleta Ferguson as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Cleta Ferguson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 117, adopted January 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker